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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 16328

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN POSITION ON CERDS

REF: STATE 256127

1. ECON-COMM MINISTER SAW GUAZZARONI, DIRECTOR GENERAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, EVENING NOV. 21 TO URGE NEGATIVE GOI
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VOTE ON CERDS AS DECLARATION APPEARS TO BE TAKING SHAPE, DRAWING

ON REFS A AND D. IN RESPONSE, GUAZZARONI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DURING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S SECOND VISIT TO ROME (ON NOV. 8 FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE) HE HAD AGAIN SEEN PRESIDENT LEONE TO PLEAD ON A PERSONAL, PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT BASIS, FOR ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR CERDS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES GOI AGREED THAT, WHILE IT RETAINED ITS SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS TO PARTS OF THE DRAFT, IT WOULD WITHDRAW ITS EARLIER QUALIFICATION THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT CERDS ONLY AS AN ADVISORY DECLARATION.

B. WITHIN CURRENT EC POSITION GOI SUPPORTS TACTIC OF SEEKING RENEGOTIATION OF OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPHS. IF THIS FAILS OBTAIN SATISFACTORY RESULTS, EC WILL SEEK AVOID VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS WHOLE AND DEFERMENT OF UNGA CONSIDERATION.

C. IF G-77 PUSHES FOR VOTE, EC WILL SEEK FINAL EC POSITION ON LAST DRAFT. GOI WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH ANY AGREED EC POSITION. (GUAZZARONI NOTED THAT ITALIAN REP HAS CERTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN HIS INSTRUCTIONS.)

D. IF NO EC POSITION IS REACHED, ITALY WILL VOTE AGAINST OBJECTIONABLE PARAGRAPHS AND WILL ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WITH FULL RESERVATIONS.

2. COMMENT: GUAZZARONI EVIDENTLY MEANT THAT GOI WOULD VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION ONLY UNDER THE SHELTER OF A NEGATIVE EC POSITION, IT THUS APPEARS GOI WILL ABSTAIN. WE HAD EARLIER RECEIVED INFORMAL INDICATIONS FROM WORKING LEVEL MFA THAT ECHEVERRIA VISIT HAD CAUSED BACKSLIDING AT HIGHER LEVELS. VOLPE

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